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CLAYTONIA ARENICOLA **SAND SPRINGBEAUTY**

Sand Springbeauty is an annual with usually several lax to erect 5-15 cm long stems that arise from a slender taproot. The linear to narrowly spatulate leaves are 15-60 mm long and occur in a basal rosette; they are opposite on the lower stem. Foliage is glabrous. Several well-separated flowers are borne on spreading stalks that are up to 2 cm long and located at the top of the stem. Each flower has 5 pink-veined, white petals, that are 6-9 mm long; each flower also has 2 sepals that are ca. 2 mm long and 5 stamens. The fruit is a 3-seeded capsule that is approximately as long as the sepals. Flowering in May

CLAYTONIA DICHOTOMA and C. LINEARIS both have linear leaves, and they are alternate on the stem. C. SPATHULATA has petals that are less than 5 mm long.